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*to accompany the award of the*

## Joint Meritorious Unit Award

*to*

### *Headquarters, United States European Command*

Headquarters, United States European Command and selected subordinate units, distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious achievement, from 1 September 2003 to 30 November 2006 by successfully executing numerous operational and engagement missions supporting national security objectives during one of the most challenging and volatile periods in our Nation's history. The United States European Command was instrumental in resolving crises and conflicts across a vast theater of operations through the skillful planning and execution of operations and exercises designed to establish regional security and stability and to support the War on Terrorism. Through innovative strategies and initiatives, the United States European Command pioneered new levels of United States Government interagency cooperation to better focus the effective application of all the instruments of national power throughout the sensitive security environments of Eurasia, Africa, and the Middle East. As a result of its visionary leadership and resolve, the United States European Command led not only its components' transformation to improved operational capacity, but also heavily influenced the unprecedented reformation of NATO's force posture to deploy and engage globally. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of the United States European Command have brought great credit upon themselves, their Service, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor R. Felt".

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff